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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1.-40. (canceled).

Claim 41. (currently amended) A method for communicating communication network availability information regarding an individual to at least a first person and a second person, the method, comprising:

detecting whether the individual is present on at least one communication network;

determining availability of the individual;

publishing via a network a first availability profile for the individual associated with a first access level of the individual to the first person;

publishing via the network a second availability profile associated with a second access level of the individual to the second person,

wherein the first and second availability profiles respectively indicate different ways in which the first person and the second person may access the individual, and wherein the first person views the first availability profile before contacting the individual and wherein the second person views the second availability profile before contacting the individual; and

filtering for the availability of the individual when it is detected that the individual is no longer present on the communication network. ~~The method of claim 1~~ wherein the first profile indicates that the individual can be contacted by instant messaging and by telephone and wherein the second profile indicates that the individual cannot be contacted by phone but can be contacted by instant messaging.

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Claim 42. (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 41 wherein the first profile is viewed by the first person in the first person's contact list and the second profile is viewed in the second person's contact list.

Claim 43. (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 41 wherein the first and second profiles are viewed in the individual's contact list.